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Serial No.: 09/384,371) Examiner: P. Edouard
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EVALUATING CHARACTER SETS TO DETERMINE A
BEST MATCH ENCODING A MESSAGE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3-7, 10-14, 17-21, and 24-28 without prejudice and disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 8, 15, and 22 as indicated below. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants herewith present all currently pending claims as amended.

Bl 1. (**TWICE AMENDED**) A method of evaluating characters in a message against a character table bank, the character table bank comprising a plurality of pre-determined candidate character sets corresponding to a plurality of languages,